His MAJESTY the King of Denmarks LETTER

To His HIGHNESS the

Duke of Holstein (GOTTORP)

Concerning the Sequestration of the *Dukedom* of *Schleswig*:

And the said

Duke's Answer thereunto.

As also

His *Imperial Majesties* Letter to the *Duke* of *Holstein*: With the *Dukes* Answer.

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THE KING of *DENMARKs* LETTER to the DUKE of *HOLSTEIN Gottorp*, Concerning the SEQUESTRATION.

Chriſtian the Fifth, by the Grace of God, King of *Denmark*, &c.

Serene Duke, &c.

IT is not unknown to your Dilection, what hitherto hath paſt about the receiving of the Inveſtiture over the Dukedom of *Schleſwig*; whereunto you have obliged your ſelf by the late Agreement of *Rendesbourg*; and how your Dilection ſince that time, upon our ſeveral well-minded Admonitions, by divers Letters directed to Us, hath promiſed the performance thereof; and in order thereunto, ſent hither ſome of your Miniſters, who nevertheleſs under the

pretext of going for ſome nearer inſtructions from your Dilection, are lately parted again from hence, without having diſpatched any thing at all. And whereas We have hitherto in vain expected their promiſed return; the time likewiſe at the ſaid Agreement of *Rendesbourg* appointed for the receiving of the above-mentioned Inveſtiture being already in the Month of *July* laſt paſt, beſides divers others ſince indulged Terms long ago expired; We alſo having a ſufficient and true information of thoſe moſt dangerous Machinations, which your Dilection hath in hand againſt Us and Our State; and beſides, being very requiſite, that We carefully do mind what is neceſſary for the preſerving of this Inveſtiture, depending from Us and Our Crown of *Denmark*: Therefore have we found Our ſelves unavoidably, and as it were againſt Our will obliged, now to Sequeſtrate that part of the ſaid Dukedom, wherewith your Dilections Anceſtors have been heretofore Inveſted; and to iſſue out a Commiſſion to ſome of our Councellors and Officers there reſiding, for putting in Execution the ſaid Sequeſtration, and for performing all what is neceſſary to be done about the ſame. Since therefore We would rather have deſired any thing elſe, than to come to this Extremity, We have thought good to give notice of this Our Reſolution to your Dilection, and to appoint yet out of a ſuper-abundance another Term of Six weeks from the date hereof, for the receiving of the ſaid Inveſtiture, to the end that your Dilection and all the World may ſee, how willingly We would uſe all poſſible moderation herein, without any overhaſtening of your Dilection. However, we do it with this

this further precaution and warning, that in caſe the ſaid prefixed Term, contrary to all expectation, likewiſe ſhould be diſregarded by your Dilection, We then ſhall be neceſſitated, though much againſt Our Will, to proceed *ad ipſam Privationem Feudi*, or to the cutting off the *Fief*, and to take ſuch further courſes as the *Feudal Laws* do allow of. Of all this We have thought convenient to advertiſe your Dilection, Recommending, &c. Dated at Our Place of Reſidence at *Copenhagen*, the 19*th* of *Decemb.* 1676.

Your Dilections

Affectionate Couſen and Brother-in-Law,

CHRISTIAN.

The

The Duke of *HOLSTEIN*'s Anſwer to the aforegoing Letter.

Moſt Serene and moſt Potent King, &c.

YOur Majeſties Letter of the 19*th* of *December* laſt paſt, from *Copenhagen* directed to Us, hath been preſented to Our hands the ſecond of this inſtant, by an Expreſs from one of your Majeſties Commiſſaries; By the Contents whereof We have ſeen the ſame, what already ſome days before had been publiſhed by ſome Letters Pattents affix'd in Our Dukedom of *Schleſwig*, *viz.* That your Majeſty hath been induced to Sequeſtrate that part of the ſaid Dukedom, which doth belong to Us, and to nominate to that effect certain Commiſſaries, with the annexed warning, that in caſe we did not within Six weeks, from the date of the ſaid Letter, effectually accompliſh the receiving of the Invenſtiture over that Dukedom of *Schleſwig*, your Majeſty would proceed *ad ipſam Privationem Feudi*, or the cutting off the Fief, and take ſuch further courſes as the *Feudal Laws* do allow off, being moved thereunto by theſe reaſons, That We in the point of the receiving of the ſaid Inveſtiture, neither had performed that ſo termed late Agreement of *Rendesbourgh*, nor the Promiſes made by Our Letters under Our own hand, nor ſent back our Miniſters, who without any diſpatch of Affairs were

were gone from *Copenhagen*; but that on the contrary we had had in hand moſt dangerous, and by a ſingular accident, diſcovered machinations againſt your Majeſty, and your State; and had alſo, as it were, unavoidably obliged your Majeſty to the preſervation of your Majeſties and the Crown of *Denmark*'s own Rights.

Whereupon we cannot but with all due reſpect return this our Anſwer to your Majeſty, that for the ſake of your Majeſty's own Glory, and high Reputation, and your Realms and Dominions welfare, We have moſt ardently deſired and wiſhed, that our thoughts at the firſt ſeeing of your Majeſty's afore-mentioned Letters Patents, (as if they might have been publiſhed without your knowledg) might have a ſure ground, and your Majeſty ſuch a Kindneſs for us, as not to indulge any longer our Perſecutors, but rather to put a period to thoſe unuſual hard proceedings, which we undeſervedly have ſuffered from them, and to reeſtabliſh and conſolidate that ancient tie and friendſhip which hath proved ſo uſeful and beneficial to both Great Houſes, and their reſpective Kingdoms, Territories and Subjects; ſeriouſly conſidering withal, that it cannot be available neither to the repute of your Majeſty's innate Generoſity, nor to your Majeſty's Realms and Dominions, to ſee us, who are in many regards ſo nearly related, and never failing neither in due Reſpects, nor required Faithfulneſs to your Majeſty, thus oppreſſed, and reduced to a quite deſperate condition, without having been able to impetrate the leaſt redreſs, which yet lies ſo abſolutely in your Majeſty's own hands.

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However, this is our only and eſpecial comfort in all our daily increaſing calamities, that your Majeſty by your Letters doth ſuppeditate to us an occaſion to make our juſtification before your ſelf, and briefly to refute thoſe accuſations ſo inhumanly invented by our ill-willers. For your Majeſty's own Chriſtian Conſcience will be the beſt and ſureſt witneſs for us, that we never have entertained any other Counſels, nor have negotiated with any body whatſoever about any other things, but what to our beſt underſtanding we have deemed to be good, expedient and lawful for a free Prince, to preſerve our ſelves in that State God Almighty hath been pleaſed to ſettle us in, by making us a lawful Heir and Succeſſor to the Duke our Father of bleſſed memory, and to tranſmit the ſame to our Poſterity, even as we had got it. We our ſelves have not made that Agreement concluded at *Copenhagen* on the 12th. day of *May* in the year 1658, but have inherited thoſe Rights, which in due conſideration of the manifold damages ſuſtained, were thereby accrued to our Family. And it is alſo known to the World, that we have employed none at all at the Treaty and Concluſion of the reiterated Northern Peace in the Camp for *Copenhagen*, on the 27th. day of *May* in the year 1660, although we had then already taken the Government upon us; and the ſaid Treaty of *Copenhagen* hath nevertheleſs been confirmed therein, and the *Guarantie* thereof undertaken by them three moſt Puiſſant States of Chriſtendom: And preſuppoſed his Majeſty the King of *Denmark*, *Frederick* the Third, our moſt Honoured Father-in-Law of glorious memory, ſomething unwillingly, and againſt his mind, (which yet is altoge-

altogether unknown to us, ſince his Family as well as ours hath been benefitted thereby,) ſhould have proceeded to the granting of that Sovereignty, and other advantages promiſed to our Family; however it is but a meerly ſpontaneous Act: Nay, it hath been an evident token of his Royal Affection towards us, that having obſerved by our Addreſſes for a near Alliance of Marriage in his Royal Family, our ſincere inclination towards him, his Majeſty in the year 1667, when the Contract of Marriage in his own Fortreſs at *Gluckſtadt* was a making up, hath in all and the ſingular Articles, Points and Clauſes, wholly, and to all perpetuity, confirmed to us the above-ſaid Treaty of *Copenhagen*, grounded upon the Sovereignty over the Dukedom of *Schleſwig*, and eſtabliſhed the ſame jointly with that ancient Union for a perpetual norm and rule betwixt both Families, with this engagement, and Royal firm Parol, that himſelf and his hereditary Succeſſors in the Government, neither directly nor indirectly would act, nor cauſe to be acted againſt the ſame. But in what manner we have ſince been dealt withal at *Rendenſbourg* in the year 1675. and how we have been conſtrained by a moſt troubleſome detention to ſurrender our Fortreſſes, Artillery, Ammunition and Militia; yet with this Comfort given us, that all differences therewith were ended, and upon change of Times, and an enſuing Peace, all ſhould be reſtored in ſuch a condition as it was taken from us; and how notwithſtanding all this, (after we forſooth for our Perſon were diſmiſſed to *Gottorp*, yet ſtill had ſtrange Troops about us, and ſo only had changed place, but not detention,) certain Articles have been preſcribed to our Miniſters and

Counſellors remaining behind in Arreſt, and we forced to the pretended Ratification thereof, even as we were to the ſurrender of our Fortreſſes without any liberty left us, only therin to alter things quite inconſiſtent with the Dignity of a Free-*Germain* Prince of the Empire: We are as unwilling to relate, as your Majeſty can be deſirous to hear, and ſhould alſo have forborn to mention it either to your Majeſty, or to any others, if we were not aſſured in our Conſcience that your Majeſty out of an inbred Heroick love to Juſtice doth deteſt ſuch a way of proceeding, and in that regard hath laid a Ground for that high diſpleaſure your Majeſty thereupon conceived againſt him, who out of Reaſons unknown to us, hath occaſioned all that miſchief which then did befall us.

And ſince thar time we have not been able to imagin, that your Majeſty ſhould ever have intended, to erect that ſo termed Agreement of *Rendesbourg*, proceeding from ſuch derogatory and extorted Principles, and conſequently turning void by Law, into a *Pragmatical Sanction*, after yonr Majeſty hath charged our Subjects with ſuch Contributions as are untollerable, and do quite cut off both our extraordinary and ordinary Revenues, and hath quite demoliſhed to the Ground our Fortreſſes, your Majeſty having thus your ſelf thereby introduced an impoſſibility to perform what the pretended Agreement of *Rendesbourg* doth import; For if we by virtue thereof are to receive the Inveſtiture over the Dukedom of *Schleſwig*, it muſt be done at leaſt after ſuch a manner, as the Duke our Father of bleſſed Memory the laſt time,

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viz. In the year 1648, hath received the ſame; and then we ought to be inveſted not only with the bare Land, but alſo with thoſe Fortreſſes, ſince the laſt Feudal Letter doth make expreſs mention thereof. It is true, we do confeſs, that even after ſuch rigorous proceedings, to teſtify our deference to your Majeſty, and our deſire to Peace, but chiefly, to ſublevate ſomething our Subjects groaning under their burthen, and to promote their freedom according to our Power; we have been come ſo far, as to condeſcend at length to the receiving the Inveſtiture upon theſe terms, that all things ſhould be reſettled in ſuch a ſtate, as they had been before the pretended Agreement of *Rendesbourg*, and that the weighty burthen lying upon our Territories, ſhould be taken off, and due ſatisfaction effectually made for the dammages ſuſtained: And for that purpoſe we have ſent ſome of our Miniſters to *Copenhagen*; but our juſt deſires have been rejected, an unconditional performance of the Feudal Duty inſiſted on, and the redreſs of our Grievances ſet out of doors, and our Miniſters having alleadged the want of full Powers thereunto, have been ſent away back for new Inſtructions, without being recalled by us from *Copenhagen*, as Her Majeſty the Queen Mother by her own Letters dated at *Copenhagen* the 19*th* day of *November*, 1676, hath informed us. And we do confeſs very freely, that in caſe our Subjects preſently after our Conditional Promiſe made, had been eaſed from their burthen, the Fortreſſes reduced to their former ſtate, and due ſatisfaction effectually given us, we would have done the utmoſt, and undergone afreſh that Feudal Duty.

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But whereas alſo yet ſince poſſeſſion hath been taken, of our part of *Stadt* and *Butjadinger-Land*, notwithſtanding the ſame hath no relation at all to that Proceſs, which was actitated at *Vienna* in the Cauſe of *Oldenbourg*, and beſides his deſcending as a Fief from the Ducal Houſe of *Brunſwig Lunebourg*. Our Subjects likewiſe both in *Holſtein* and *Sleſwig* have been forbid to pay us the few remaining ordinary dues, and furthermore ſuch aims are made, as to exclude us from that Treaty of a General Peace at *Nimvegen*, and conſequently from all hopes of redreſs, and yet hath but lately the Navigation been by open Proclamations abſolutely Interdicted to all our Inhabitants and Subjects of the Dukedoms of *Schl. ſwig* and *Holſtein*, without affording us, as Prince Regent, the leaſt communication thereof, much leſs deſigning us to joyn in the ſaid Publication, if the ſame had been required: We therefore have had good reaſon to wave the ſending over our Deputies the ſecond time again, after they were thns diſmiſſed before, but rather have taken a firm reſolution to get our Cauſe ventilated and diſcuſſed at the Treaty of the General Peace at *Nimwegen*, with theſe certain hopes and confidence, that no Potentate concerned therein will diſpute our admiſſion, in regard that amongſt other high concerns, there will be alſo treated about the re-eſtabliſhment of the Northern Peace, whereupon our Sovreignty over the Dukedom of *Sbhleſwig* with the other advantages ſtipulated for us and our Family, is not only grounded, but alſo is an eſſential part thereof and ſtands comprehended under the undertaken General and Special Warranty. Neither do we think,

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that your Majesties Minister in *Holland* hath had any orders to render difficult the impetrating of the Pasports, by us desired from the *States General* of the *United-Provinces*; for our Ministers destined to *Nimegen*, seeing he hath not been able to alledg any thing at all which should deserve the least reflexion, and exclude us from the General-Treaty, if we were but to be considered as a *German* Prince, and had no concerns in the re-establishment of the Northern Peace, which nevertheless hath first of all periclitated on our side. But concerning those machinations discovered by a singular accident, whereby, as we do conceive, some endeavours are used, to justify that in all points disformally commenced Sequestration, we have not the least cause to clear our selves in that respect, before any particulars are nearer touched, and it be duly made appear to us, that we have been given concerned in any of those Machinations represented to your Majesty. However we are sure and confident, that we never have been so suspectedly privy to any thing, as that thereby just cause should have been given, to charge us therewith by Potentates both within and without the Empire, and to abalienate their former inclination from us and our Family, much less can a Pretext thereby conveniently be taken to sequestrate that part of the Dukedom of *Schleswig*, which with all right Heroditarily and Properly doth belong to us, and to menace us with a total deprivation thereof; and we do also fully perswade our selves, that your Majesty will put this to the serious consideration of your Ministers, who have

brought this Proceſs upon the Stage, and perhaps do endeavour to aſſert it's conſiſtency with the Feudal Laws. that as your Majeſty doubtleſs makes great doubt, to aſſume a Judges part in that proper Cauſe, ſo neither the Sequeſtration of the Fief, nor the Deprivation of the ſame can or may conſiſt after that manner, as it it intended againſt us, although we ſhould be undiſputably obliged to that Vaſſallage of the Dukedom of *Schleſwig*, which yet ſaving all due reſpect to your Majeſty, we find our ſe ves neceſſitated ſolemnly to contradict, except one would preſume to Act by nullities; or by making no reflexion upon the Law. And the common Feudal Laws, whereupon likewiſe the ancient unions and Hereditary Agreements, (in caſe any difference as well in Feudal as other matters ſhould ariſe) are uſually grounded, do ſhew, that not only in the total deprivation of a Fief, but alſo in the Sequeſtration, the hearing of the Cauſe before a Competent Judge ought ſolemnly to preceed, notwithſtanding one would preſume to aſſert the neceſſiity of a Sequeſtration, in caſe the the parties do ſhew themſelves unwilling; the reaſons whereof nevertheleſs will never be made out by thoſe pretended Machinations.

Having therefore pondered all the above-mentioned, and ſuch other concomitant circumſtances, we cannot but ſtill keep to our reſolution once deliberately taken and remit that point of our undeſervedly queſtioned Sovereignty over the Dukedom of *Schleſwig*, with all the other abalienated Dignities, Prerogatives, Territories, and Fortreſſes; as alſo all due and equitable ſatiſfaction

faction, and what elſe can conduce to our future Security, to the place of Congreſs for a general Peace at *Nimvegen*, patiently expecting from God and time, what Concluſion there will be made and come forth about the reſtoring of the Northern Peace, and conſequently alſo of our Rights and Concerns. But we do in the mean while very kindly and inſtantly intreat withal your Majeſty, that out of an inclination to Juſtice, and in regard of that deſolate condition, whereunto we and ours thus undeſervedly ſee our ſelves the more and more reduced, your Majeſty would be pleaſed till then, and till the ſpeedieſt (God grant) enſuing concluſion of a general Peace, to preſerve all peaceable thonghts, and not to preſs upon us any further with the ſaid Inveſtiture, and any other demands; but on the contrary, without delay to recall thot diſconform and miſgrounded Sequeſtration, and not only leave to us the enjoyment of all our Rights and Prerogatives undiſturbed, but alſo to take off the exceeding Contributions from our quite exhauſted Subjects, and to reſtore that part of *Stadt* and *Butjadinger-Land*, and alſo of the Cuſtoms at *Eltfliet* properly appertaining unto us, and amicably and friendly to interpret this our unavoidable Juſtification and Declaration, with this aſſurance, that as we have in all Points carefully obſerved that high reſpect due to your Majeſty, ſo likewiſe we have intended to ſay or write nothing, what ſhould tend againſt the ſame. All this is very conſentaneous to equity, and to your Majeſty's inbred Generoſity; and we ſhall be ready for our part every where to praiſe ſuch your Majeſty's kindneſs, and with due thank-

thankfulneſs, and all poſſible ſervices, always acknowledg the ſame; moſt faithfully recommending withal your Majeſty to God Almighty's Protection. Dated *Hamborough* the 16th of *Jan.* 1677.

Your Majeſties

Obſequious Couſin and
Brother-in-Law

Chriſtian Albrecht.

THE

THE EMPEROR'S LETTER to the Duke of Holstein.

LEOPOLD *by the Grace of GOD Elected* Roman-*Emperor.*

Serene Duke, &c.

BY these we do give to understand to your Dilection, how we are informed, that you have not only for your part approved of those projects which have been made to you by *Graventahl* the *Swedish* Minister lately residing in our Imperial City of *Hamborough*, about certain Levies to be made in Foreign Parts, and are come to a certain conclusion with him in that affair; but also that your Dilection for the promoting of the said Levies hath made use of *Kielman* your late President's Moneys, that lie there, and taken thereof the Sum of 200000 *Rix-*

 dollars

dollars, and that your Dilection doth employ in this affair the *Swedish* Preſident *Kly*, (who hitherto hath pretended to live there as a private man,) and alſo another perſon named *Ulke*.

And although we do repoſe a far better confidence in your Dilection, than that by ſetting aſide your ſtrictties and duties towards us, and the whole *Roman* Empire, ſhould thus loſe your ſelf, and by ſuch prohibited, and very much culpable advances, take the enemies part, contrary to the publick Statutes of the Empire, and our Imperial Avocatories publiſhed thereupon; yet have we thought good kindly to acquaint, and ſeriouſly to admoniſh you by theſe, that in caſe things ſhould be thus, your Dilection might betimes deſiſt from ſuch enterprizes, and embracing better counſel, comport your ſelf, according to what duty doth require of a Loyal Member of the Empire, to the end, that otherwiſe we may not obliged, to cauſe to be proceeded againſt your Dilection, according to our Imperial Avocatories; all which is for your Dilections Government; Tendring withal our Imperial Grace and good Will to your Dilection. Dated at our Caſtle at *Linz* the 6th. of *January* in the year of our Lord 1677. of our Reign in the *Roman* Empire the 19th. in *Hungary* the 22th. and in *Bohemia* the 21th.

LEOPOLD,

V. Leopold William
Count of *Konigſegg*,
Ad mandatum Sacræ *Cæſariæ*,
Majeſtatis proprium,
John Ambroſe Hogell.

The Duke of Holſtein's *Anſwer to the afore-going Letter of the Emperor.*

Moſt Serene, &c.

YOur Imperial Majeſties moſt gracious Letter from *Lintz* of the 6th Inſtant, hath been ſome days ago delivered to me by your Imperial Majeſties Miniſter here reſiding, the Lord Baron of *Rondeck*, and received by me with all the humbleſt reſpects imaginable; but with an extreme aſtoniſhment I have underſtood by the contents thereof, that your Imperial Majeſty ſhould have got an information, as if I had not only for my part approved of thoſe projects, which had been made to me by *Graventahl* the *Swediſh* Miniſter, lately reſiding here in *Hamborough*, about certain Levies to be made in Foreign Parts, and had been come to a certain concluſion with him in that affair; but alſo that for the promoting of the ſaid Levies, I had made uſe of *Kielman* my late Preſident's Moneys, that lye here, and taken thereof the Sum of 200000 *Rixdollars*, and that I alſo did employ in this affair the *Swediſh* Preſident *Kleihe*, (who hitherto hath pretended to live here as a private man,) and another perſon likewiſe named *Ulcke*: And that your Imperial Majeſty moſt graciouſly hath thought good thereupon to acquaint me therewith, and ſeriouſly to admoniſh me, that in caſe things ſhould be thus, (which yet your Imperial Majeſty would ſcarce expect from me,) I may betimes deſiſt from ſuch enterprizes, and embracing betrer

better Counsel, comport my self according to what duty doth require of a Loyal Member of the Empire, to the end, that otherwise your Imperial Majesty may not be obliged to cause to be proceeded against me according to your published Imperial Avocatories.

It is true, I cannot promise unto my self from your Imperial Majesties most mild, and yet most just disposition, nothing else, but that such your Imperial Majesties very gracious Letter, although occasioned by the industrious contrivance of some envying persons, who by all ways and means seek very watchfully the oppression and ruine of my self, and my Ducal House, yet to no other end hath been sent to me, but that your Imperial Majesty might thereby get a fitter occasion to discover my innocency, and consequently by your Imperial Majesties Authority and highest Power to protect me as a Loyal Member and Prince of the Empire, against those who have made no conscience for the space of these 19 months, with a very unworthy treatment undeservedly to oppress me, and of all my Princely Dignity to leave me nothing more than bare life: However, when I do call to mind again, in what manner your Imperial Majesties Requisitorials concerning me, which were delivered into his Majesty the King of *Denmark*'s hands, have been by the contrivance of some Ministers, bearing an hatred to me, abused so far, that they have begun almost from that very hour to exhaust my poor subjects as well of *Holstein* as also of *Sleswig*, with intolerable Contributions, and to render them quite uncapable to contribute so much, as they were lawfully bound to do for the upholding my Princely State and Dignity; which proceedings are yet till this

this very moment continued, to the utter deſtruction of my Territories, notwithſtanding no further Imperial Requiſitorials have been inſinuated to me; and though the ſame hath been granted to other States of the Lower Circle of *Saxony* in the point of Quarters: Then have I juſt reaſon to fear, that they likewiſe now under your Imperial Majeſties higheſt Name and Authority, though againſt your Imperial Majeſties will and intention do go about to colour, and palliate what they newly have ſpun out for the finiſhing of my premeditated ruine, and partly have already brought to an execution: All which I have by my former complaints, with all ſubmiſſion repreſented to your Imperial Majeſty, and thereby moſt humbly implored your ſpeedy Protection; whereunto alſo I do now refer my ſelf, in hopes your Imperial Majeſty will be pleaſed, not only moſt graciouſly to hear, but alſo ſee them according to your Imperial Clemency forthwith redreſſed.

Concerning thoſe Accuſations brought before your Imperial Majeſty, and laid home at my door, I ſhould never have Imagined, upon what bottom and foundation they could be grounded, unleſs your Imperial Majeſty by the Nomination of certain Perſons had obliged me to a more exact information; whereupon I moſt humbly can aſſure your Imperial Majeſty by a true and faithful Word of a Prince, that I never have hitherto had the leaſt knowledg of theſe ſpecified Projects, touching the Levies of ſome Forreign Forces, much leſs, that I ſhould have approved of the ſame, or that I ſhould have either directly or indirectly with any man in the World, dealt or agreed about them. And I can proteſt with Truth it ſelf,

that neither *Kleyhe* the King of *Sweden*'s Preſident, hath all the during time of his abode here made any Propoſitions to me concerning any Conjunction with Forreign Crowns againſt your Imperial Majeſty, and your high Allies, nor ever offered to perſwade me to any ſuch thing. But this I do declare willingly and freely, that I have cauſed my diſconſolate condition, whereunto I find my ſelf undeſervedly reduced, to be fully repreſented to his Majeſty the King of *Great Brittain*. as Warrant of the Northern Peace, which firſt of all began to bleed and ſuffer on my ſide; and my Requeſts to be made withal, that His ſaid Majeſty would be pleaſed, in reſpect both of that General and Special Warranty taken upon him concerning my Sovereignty over the Dukedom of *Sleſwig* lawfully obtained, to procure my Reſtitution, and due Satisfaction; which I have been ſo far from diſowning, that I have contented my ſelf, that the Memorials about the ſaid Subject exhibited from time to time by my Deputy, have faithfully been communicated to the *Daniſh* Minister reſiding in *England*. And I have alſo employed at the Court even ther ſame *Ulcken* my Covnſellor at Court, whom I did for almoſt two years imploy at your Imperial Majeſties Court; and have among t other Negotiations alſo cauſed my moſt humble Remonſtrations and frequent Inſtances by him to be made to your Imperial Majeſty for my Protection, with theſe certain hopes, that he hath behaved himſelf ſo well, that no cauſe is left to put any miſtruſt in him, or to charge him with any ſiniſter and il-grounded accuſations: ſince therefore the aboveſaid foul aſperſions, ſtudiously

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contrived by my ill wiſhers, can never be proved, nor laid to my door; the reſt conſequently cannot conſiſt, that for the carrying on of ſuch fictitious Levies, I ſhould have taken and employed the ſaid Sum of 200000 *Rixdollers* belonging to the Heirs of *Kielman*, which monies I do not know in the leaſt if they do lye here or no. Whereas now my Innocency, and Fictitiouſnes of thoſe Siniſter imputations do ſufficiently appear by the premiſes; ſo can I with all ſubmiſſion aſſure your Imperial Majeſty, that nothing in the World ſhall be ever preſſed from me, which may offend and interrupt my Loyal Duties tendered to your Imperial Majeſty, and to the *Roman* Empire, and that Devotion which my Anceſtors have with their Princely Blood ſealed up to that Mighty Houſe of *Auſtria*, I do therefore again moſt humbly implore your Imperial Majeſty, as the moſt Sacred Head of the Empire, that your Imperial Majeſty would be pleaſed to give no way to all the Suſpicions raiſed againſt me, but rather out of Higheſt Fatherly care to provide for ſuch wayes and means, whereby I as a devoted Co-member of the *Roman* Empire may be upheld and freed from all the preſſing Calamities. Thus longingly I do look for your Imperial Majeſties effectual and gratious Reſolution, *&c.*

Dated at Hambourg *the* 20 *of* Jan. *Ann.* 1677.

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